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Reply to comments of the National Association of Broadcasters
posted 1/25/2011.

I question some of the National Assoc. of Broadcasters statistics. In Attachment A, Appendix 5 reports correctly that both Direct and Dish TV supply 0 in-state stations to La Plata and Montezuma Counties. However, in Attachment A, Appendix 1 it is reported that 83.86% of the population of La Plata County is reached by at least 1 in-state TV station. I question this number and seriously doubt that it is correct. The lone cable company does provide some in-state news (other programming in blacked out) on the 3 major channels and all of Rocky Mountain PBS. Those of us with satellite (cable is not available to most of the county) can pay extra to receive one Denver station (KWGN) but it is all reruns of old programs with no pertinent news.

Why not abolish Designated Marketing Areas in favor of Designated Political Areas. The foundation of democracy is informed citizens--you are denying us vital information when you deny us news from our state capitol. Of course, we can read the papers, and we do; but we need to see faces, read body language, and witness events to be truly informed.

Sincerely,
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